Remarks

The specification of the present application was amended to cross-reference applications relied upon for priority and to make a minor correction in two typographical errors. The original claims have been deleted and replaced with new claims 9-28. These new claims are fully supported by the original claims which have now been cancelled.

The amendments made herein do not add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for substantive review. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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